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OF THE

NEW-BEDFORD

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

1847.

CHARTER

AND

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NEW-BEDFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY,

INCORPORATED

MARCH 12, 1847.

NEW-BEDFORD:
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1847.

CHARTER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NEW-BEDFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Henry H. Crapo, James Arnold, Joseph Clarke, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the NEW-BEDFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, for the purpose of advancing the science, and encouraging and improving the practice of Horticulture; and for that purpose shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions, contained in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may, for the purpose aforesaid, hold real and personal estate to the amount of twenty thousand dollars.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 11th, 1847.

Passed to be enacted.

EBEN BRADBURY, Speaker.

IN SENATE, March 12th, 1847.

Passed to be enacted.

W. B. CALHOUN, President.

March 12th, 1847.

Approved,

GEORGE N. BRIGGS.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION I.

THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, four Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Recording Secretary, who shall be chosen by ballot, and shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are installed in their stead.

SECTION II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

There shall be chosen by ballot, at the annual meeting, the following Standing Committees:

An Executive and Finance Committee, of		7	members.
A Committee for establishing Premiums, of		6	"
" "	on the Library,	3	"
" "	on Fruits and synonyms of Fruits,	5	"
" "	on Plants and Flowers,	5	"
" "	on Trees, shrubs & Entomology,	5	"
" "	on Vegetables,	5	"
" "	on Publication,	6	"

SECTION III.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

The Annual Meeting for the election of Officers and

Standing Committees, shall be held on the first Thursday of April of each year, at which, twelve members, exclusive of the President or presiding officer, shall be a quorum.

SECTION IV.

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS.

At least one week's notice shall be given by the Recording Secretary, of every annual election, by publishing the same in one or more newspapers, printed in New-Bedford. The notice shall specify the time and place of said election, and the different officers and committees to be voted for.

SECTION V.

MODE OF BALLOTING.

The names of persons to be balloted for at the annual election, shall be contained on one ballot, and the offices for which they are respectively nominated shall be distinctly designated. The polls shall remain open thirty minutes at least, and when closed, the President or presiding officer shall appoint a committee of two to assort, count, and report the number of votes given.

SECTION VI.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special Meetings of the Society shall be called at any time by the Recording Secretary on the application of five members in writing therefor; or upon direction by the President, setting forth the object for which said meeting is to be held, at which six members, exclusive of the President or presiding officer, shall be a quorum.

SECTION VII.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS.

At least four days' notice shall be given by the Recording Secretary of every Special Meeting, by publishing the

same in one or more newspapers, printed in New-Bedford. The notice shall designate the object for which such meeting is called, and no other business than that so specified, shall be transacted.

SECTION VIII.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading the records of last meeting.
2. New members balloted for.
3. Proposals for membership.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Deferred and new business.
6. Reading of communications.
7. Elections.

SECTION IX.

VACANCIES, HOW FILLED.

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any of the offices or Standing Committees of the Society, it may be filled at a special meeting called for the purpose; and if temporary vacancies occur in the Standing Committees, in consequence of the absence of any member, they may be filled for the time being, by the Executive and Finance Committee.

SECTION X.

THE PRESIDENT.

The duty of the President shall be to preside at all the meetings of the Society; to keep order; to state the business before the Society; to state and put questions which shall have been moved and seconded; to call for accounts and reports from all committees; and generally to superintend the execution of such By-Laws and Regulations, as the Society shall, from time to time, enact, not otherwise provided for.

SECTION XI.

THE VICE PRESIDENTS.

In the absence of the President, it shall be the duty of the

senior Vice President to take the chair; but if all the Vice Presidents are absent, it shall be competent for the Society to elect a President *pro tempore*, who shall, for the time, be invested with all the power and authority of the President.

SECTION XII.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall collect and receive all sums of money due or payable to the Society, and shall keep and disburse the same, from time to time, as the Society shall direct, or as shall be prescribed, by the By-Laws and Regulations. To his trust shall be confided all certificates of stocks, bonds, notes, or other evidences of debt; he shall make all transfers of the same, having the written order of the Executive and Finance Committee for that purpose, and of which he shall keep and render true accounts, together with all sums of money received and disbursed by him on account of the Society. All payments shall be ordered by the Society, or approved of by the Executive and Finance Committee.

SECTION XIII.

DUTIES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary shall prepare all letters to be written in the name of the Society, and conduct its correspondence; he shall keep copies of the same in a book to be provided for the purpose, which shall be open to the inspection of its members at any regular meeting; he shall also receive and read all letters and papers addressed to the Society, and shall dispose of them in such manner as shall be prescribed by the By-Laws or directed by the Society. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary shall perform his duties. And in the absence of both Secretaries, the President shall appoint either a Corresponding or Recording Secretary, or both, *pro tempore*.

SECTION XIV.

DUTIES OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Society, and shall regularly record the proceedings thereof in a book to be kept for that purpose. In the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, he shall perform his duties.

He shall post up in the society's room the names of all persons proposed for membership, and shall give notice to each person of his election. He shall record the election of every member, with the date thereof, and by whom proposed, in a book kept for the purpose, and shall report his name and residence to the Treasurer. He shall deliver to the Committee of Publication a copy of the proceedings of each meeting within five days thereafter, and shall cause to be prepared and countersigned all Diplomas or Certificates of membership. He shall have charge of the seal of the Society, of all steel and copper plates and dies belonging thereto, and shall cause to be struck or printed therefrom, such impressions and medals as may be required.

SECTION XV.

EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary, with four other members, shall constitute this Committee. It shall be their duty to have an oversight and general supervision of the affairs of the Society, and to recommend plans for promoting its interests; to have charge of the Society's room or building, and to employ a person or persons to take care of the same. They shall have free access at all times to the Records of the Society, and to the Books of the Treasurer, and it shall be their duty, to recommend to the Society, at each annual meeting in April, the amount to be appropriated for premiums and gratuities the ensuing year, and also, annually at said meeting to re-

port the list of those that are to be offered by their respective Committees, with their approval or disapproval of the same.

It shall also be the duty of said Committee to invest the funds of the Society, whenever there may be a balance in the Treasury not wanted for immediate disbursement. And no transfer of any stock, bond, note or other evidence of debt standing in the name of the Society, shall be made, except by the Treasurer having the written order of the Executive and Finance Committee, for that purpose. It shall also be their duty to examine and audit the Treasurer's account, and present the same to the Society at their annual meeting, with a correct statement of the property of the Association.

SECTION XVI.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee on the Library shall have charge of all books, drawings and engravings, and shall, from time to time, procure such works as may be deemed expedient, not exceeding the amount appropriated for the purpose. They may, at their discretion, appoint a Librarian, whose duty it shall be to open the Library for the use of the members at such times as they may deem expedient, or as may hereafter be ordered; they shall annually report at the stated meeting in April, the condition of the Library, with a list of such books and publications as may, in their opinion, be desirable to add thereto, and what measures may be necessary for its preservation and augmentation; and shall adopt and enforce regulations for the Library and Cabinet, reporting the same to the Society for approval. These regulations shall be affixed to each volume, and also posted in the Library room.

SECTION XVII.

COMMITTEE FOR ESTABLISHING PREMIUMS.

This Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the

Committee on Fruits, the Chairman of the Committee on Plants and Flowers, the Chairman of the Committee on Trees, Shrubs and Entomology, the Chairman of the Committee on Vegetables, and two other members who shall be chosen at the annual election. It shall be their duty annually to present to the Executive and Finance Committee, at least one week before the annual meeting, a list of the premiums they recommend to be offered, which, if approved, shall be signed by the President, countersigned by the Recording Secretary, and published as the List of Premiums for the ensuing year—said Premiums to be awarded to members of the Society only.

SECTION XVIII.

COMMITTEES FOR AWARDING PREMIUMS AND GRATUITIES.

These Committees shall consist of the Committee on Fruits, the Committee on Plants and Flowers, and the Committee on Vegetables. Two members of either of these Committees shall be a quorum, and if two members shall not be in attendance, the member present may call to his aid such other members as he may see fit to appoint for the occasion. It shall be their duty respectively to attend at the Society's Room, or the place of exhibition, one hour before the same is opened to the public; to examine and label the specimens exhibited, and to award the Premiums or Gratuities; also to attend at such other times and places as may be prescribed by the Society, and they shall have power to make rules in regard to the time and manner of exhibiting specimens for the premiums, submitting the same to the Society for approval. It shall also be their duty to examine all new Plants, Flowers, Fruits, and Vegetables presented at the exhibitions, and to report the name, description, and merit of the respective specimens.

The Committee on Trees, Shrubs and Entomology, shall also be a Committee for awarding Premiums and Gratui-

ties, two members thereof being a quorum. It shall be their duty to investigate whatever relates to the multiplication of Fruit Trees, Vines, &c., by seed, scions, buds, layers, suckers, or other modes; the introduction of new varieties; the various methods of pruning and training them, and whatever relates to their culture and preservation. They shall have charge of whatever relates to the culture, multiplication and preservation of ornamental trees and shrubs. It shall also be their duty to investigate the depredations of the various kinds of insects, whose attacks are injurious to Fruits, Trees, &c.; and shall make such reports of their doings from time to time as they may deem essential to promote the interests of the Society. They shall have power to make Rules in regard to the examination of Trees, Shrubs, &c., offered for Premiums, submitting the same to the Society for approval.

And at each annual meeting the aforesaid Committees shall report to the Society the Premiums and Gratuities awarded by them; all such awards, whether of medals, money, or plate, or a certificate thereof, signed by the Chairman of the respective Committees, shall be presented, and given to persons entitled thereto, or to their representatives, by the President or presiding officer of the Society; and the names of persons to whom Premiums or Gratuities shall have been awarded, in the course of the year, shall be duly recorded, and such publicity given thereto as the Society may, from time to time, direct.

SECTION XIX.

SYNONYMS OF FRUITS.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Fruits, in addition to the duty assigned them in the foregoing section, to examine all specimens of Fruits exhibited before the Society at its exhibitions, and to establish the names of such as are without names, or are incorrectly named; also to

determine their proper synonyms as far as practicable, and for which purpose they shall, if necessary, facilitate an interchange of fruits with other Horticultural Societies.

SECTION XX.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee of Publication shall consist of one member to be chosen at large, together with the Recording Secretary and the Chairman of the respective Committees on Fruits, Plants and Flowers, on Trees, Shrubs and Entomology, and on Vegetables. It shall be the duty of this Committee to publish, in pamphlet form or otherwise, so much of the proceedings of each meeting or exhibition, as they may deem expedient, and to report a printed copy at a subsequent meeting, for the use of the members.

SECTION XXI.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS TO SUPERINTEND EXHIBITIONS.

The President, and the members of the Standing Committees on Fruits, on Plants and Flowers, and on Vegetables, shall act conjointly as a Committee of Arrangements at all such Exhibitions as they or the Society may direct. They shall have power to divide their number into subcommittees; and it shall be their duty to make all necessary arrangements for conducting said Exhibitions, and to propose Rules and Regulations for the government thereof, reporting the same to the Society for approval.

SECTION XXII.

ELECTION OF SUBSCRIPTION MEMBERS.

Candidates for Subscription Membership may be proposed at any regular meeting of the Society. And no person shall be elected a member, unless his nomination shall have been duly entered on the records, and his name posted

in the Society's room for a term of two weeks, at least, previous to his election. All elections shall be by ballot, and three black balls shall exclude the candidate.

SECTION XXIII.

HONORARY AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

The Society may, (upon recommendation of the Executive and Finance Committee,) elect Ladies, and eminent persons, distinguished for their attainments in the science of Horticulture, as Honorary and Corresponding Members, whenever they may deem it expedient, to each of whom the Corresponding Secretary shall transmit a diploma or certificate of their election, under the seal of the Society, signed by the President and countersigned by the Recording Secretary; and such members shall have the privilege of attending all meetings and exhibitions of the Society, but shall not be entitled to any of its pecuniary, elective, or controlling privileges.

SECTION XXIV.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Twenty dollars shall constitute a Life Membership, and exempt the member from all future contributions. And any member having once paid an admission fee, may become a Life Member, by the payment of seventeen dollars in addition thereto.

SECTION XXV.

ADMISSION FEE AND ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION.

Each member not designated in Sections 23 and 24, before he receives his diploma or exercises the privileges of a member, shall sign the By-Laws and pay the sum of three dollars as an admission fee, and afterwards an annual contribution of two dollars.

SECTION XXVI.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

Each member shall be entitled to the privilege of voting; of eligibility to office or appointment; of receiving a diploma or certificate of membership, a copy of the published transactions of the Society, and a printed copy of the By-Laws of the Association; of using the Library; of free admission, and of introducing two ladies to all the exhibitions of the Society, which admission shall be regulated by tickets not transferable.

SECTION XXVII.

DISCONTINUANCE OF MEMBERS.

Any member, who, after notice, shall neglect for the space of one year to pay his annual assessment, shall cease to retain his connection with the Society; and the Treasurer shall have power to erase his name from the list of members. And any member may, at any time, withdraw from the Society, on giving notice to the President, Secretary, Treasurer, or other officer, and paying the amount due from him to the Society.

SECTION XXVIII.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.

If any member shall do any thing to dishonor the Society; or shall place on the tables for exhibition or premium, specimens bearing his name, not of his own growth, with an intention to deceive, or shall be guilty of any breach of good faith towards the Society, he may be expelled therefrom, two-thirds of the members present voting for his expulsion. But no member shall be expelled, unless a written notice of the motion be served upon him personally, or left at his usual place of abode at least twenty days before it is acted upon.

SECTION XXIX.

THE OBJECT AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRATUITIES.

Gratuities may be awarded to such persons as shall have essentially advanced the objects of the Society, or for the exhibition of any fruits, plants, flowers or vegetables of their own growth or cultivation, either new in their kind, or of uncommon excellence, or for any new and successful method of cultivating any kind of fruits, flowers, vegetables, shrubs, plants or trees, or for any other subject connected with horticulture.

SECTION XXX.

DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS.

All donations and bequests shall be sacredly appropriated to the particular object for which they were designed by the donor; and the name, amount and description shall be registered in a book kept for the purpose.

SECTION XXXI.

DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS.

All donations of seeds shall be delivered over to the appropriate Committee for examination, and to be reported on. They shall then be distributed in such manner as said Committee may deem best, and the recipients shall, from time to time, make report of their success to the Society.

SECTION XXXII.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting.

OFFICERS

AND

COMMITTEES OF THE SOCIETY,

APPOINTED APRIL 20, 1847.

PRESIDENT:

JAMES ARNOLD.

VICE PRESIDENTS:

HENRY H. CRAPO, JOSEPH GRINNELL.
WILLIAM P. JENNEY. GEO. HOWLAND, Jr.

TREASURER:

JAMES B. CONGDON.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

J. H. W. PAGE.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

S. GRIFFITTS MORGAN.

EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

THE PRESIDENT, ANDREW ROBESON,
THE TREASURER, SAMUEL W. RODMAN,
THE RECORDING SEC'RY. JOSEPH C. DELANO,
EDWARD MERRILL.

COMMITTEE FOR ESTABLISHING PREMIUMS:

Chairman of the Com. on FRUITS.
" " " " PLANTS AND FLOWERS.
" " " " TREES, SHRUBS, & ENTOMOLOGY.
" " " " VEGETABLES.

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY:

JOHN F. EMERSON, JOHN H. CLIFFORD,
ISAAC C. TABER.

COMMITTEE ON FRUITS AND SYNONYMS OF FRUITS:

JOHN HOWLAND, HENRY H. CRAPO,
WILLIAM P. JENNEY, WILLIAM T. COOK,
WILLIAM T. RUSSELL.

COMMITTEE ON PLANTS AND FLOWERS:

THOMAS A. GREENE, WELLWOOD YOUNG,
WILLIAM C. COFFIN, LEMUEL C. TRIPP,
JOSEPH G. GRINNELL.

COMMITTEE OF TREES, SHRUBS AND ENTOMOLOGY:

PARDON G. SEABURY, JOSIAH S. BONNEY,
OBED NYE, JOHN B. BURGESS,
AUGUSTUS TABER.

COMMITTEE ON VEGETABLES:

GEORGE RANDALL, JOSEPH CONGDON,
EDMUND GARDNER, JOSEPH CLARKE,
HENRY S. PACKARD.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION:

WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,
THE RECORDING SECRETARY.
The Chairman of Com. on FRUITS.
" " " " " TREES, SHRUBS, & ENTOMOLOGY.
" " " " " PLANTS AND FLOWERS.
" " " " " VEGETABLES.

COMMITTEE ON EXCHANGES OF FRUITS, FLOWERS & PLANTS:

ALBERT D. HATCH.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR

CONDUCTING AND GOVERNING EXHIBITIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

FIRST. No person will be admitted to the Hall of the Society, during the preparation for any Exhibition, except members of the Committee of Arrangements, and persons in their employment.

SECOND. All contributions of Flowers, Fruits and Vegetables, shall be entered in a book, and a card attached to each article, with the name of the article and of the owner, to correspond with the record.

THIRD. Every contributor to an Exhibition will be expected to leave, with the Committee, directions as to the disposition to be made at the close of the Exhibition, of the articles furnished by him.

FOURTH. No article shall be removed from the Hall, previous to the close of an Exhibition, without the consent of three members of the Committee of Arrangements.

FIFTH. No person will be permitted to taste the Fruits for the purpose of testing their qualities, during any Exhibition.

SIXTH. The Hall will be open on the day succeeding each Exhibition, to enable individuals to withdraw all articles of private property.

SEVENTH. All specimens of Flowers, Fruits, &c. which may remain unreclaimed, or of which no disposition has been made by the owner and communicated to the Committee, shall be sold, under the direction of the Committee of Arrangements, and the proceeds added to the funds of the Society.

EIGHTH. Tickets of admission to the Monthly exhibitions for those who are not members of the Society shall be furnished at the charge of ten cents for each person—and to the Annual Exhibitions at the charge of twenty-five cents.

Meetings of the Society are regularly held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month.

LIST OF THE MEMBERS

OF THE

NEW-BEDFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY,

JUNE 15, 1847.

James Arnold,
Henry H. Crapo,
Joseph Grinnell,
George Howland, Jr.
William P. Jenney,
Edmund Gardner,
William T. Cook,
Thomas A. Greene,
S. W. Rodman,
John F. Emerson,
J. G. Grinnell,
William C. Coffin,
Willard Nye,
Dennis Wood,
Wellwood Young,
John B. Burgess,
Samuel R. Brown,
Matthew Howland,
J. H. W. Page,
Horatio A. Kempton,
H. G. O. Colby,
J. Bassett King,
Matthew Luce,
James Durfee, Jr.
Isaac R. Potter,
Comfort Whiting,
Pardon Tillinghast,
John Wood,
Mark B. Palmer,
George Tappan,
Ferdinand Vassault,
Andrew Robeson,
William Beetle,
Prince Sears,
F. R. Whitwell,
Lemuel C. Tripp,

S. Griffitts Morgan,
J. C. Delano,
George Randall,
Oliver Prescott,
Joseph Clarke,
Josiah S. Bonney,
James Bunker Congdon,
William H. Taylor,
Edward Merrill,
John C. Haskell,
William Hathaway, Jr.
Charles W. Morgan,
Jireh Perry,
James H. Collins,
George R. Taber,
Augustus Taber,
Lemuel Kollock,
William P. S. Cadwell,
John Howland,
Benjamin Rodman,
Haydon Coggeshall,
Joshua Richmond,
William L. B. Gibbs,
David D. Hammond,
Thomas Dawes,
Ezekiel Sawin,
Seth Russell,
Abraham H. Howland,
Joseph Congdon,
George A. Bourne,
Sheffel Read,
Jireh Swift, Jr.
Isaac C. Taber,
Benjamin Lindsey,
William C. Taber,
J. H. Clifford,
P. G. Seabury,
A. D. Hatch,
William T. Russell,
William Rotch, Jr.
William Logan Rodman,
William Brims,
Edward L. Baker,
Leavitt Thaxter.